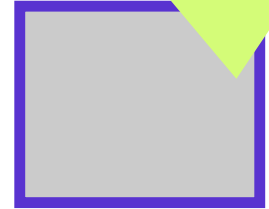


April 2007

HENRY BARNARD SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Principal:
Ron Tibbetts, Ed. D

Assistant Principal
Haven Starr,



Student Placement

Early in the spring of each year, the Henry Barnard faculty starts the process of recommending to the principal and assistant principal student placement for the next academic year. As part of the placement process, teachers consider the match of the student with the classroom teacher and the blend of students within a class. Teachers attempt to balance both classes academically, socially, culturally, and by gender. This procedure is used to ensure that classrooms are heterogeneous: balanced academically, culturally, and socially. Additionally, the students in a current room will be divided as evenly as possible between the two classrooms available in the next school year. Dividing the current

students from one classroom into two classrooms helps the students establish new friends and develop socially.

Once faculty have made their student assignment recommendations to the Henry Barnard School administration, it is extremely difficult to make changes and maintain the goals of our placement procedure. Moving a student from one classroom assignment to another inevitably changes the environment of both classrooms. For that reason, administrative changes of classroom assignments during the summer will be extremely rare. The Henry Barnard School administration will be the deciding factor in all student placement decisions.

2006 – 2007 Yearbooks

The HBS yearbook includes all grades and cost \$26.00. The deadline for ordering is Friday, May 18th. The quickest method to order a yearbook is through Coffee Pond's online ordering system at:

www.coffeepond.com

The School Password: HBSYB
More details will be sent home this week.

Reading Week



Reading Week will be celebrated during the week of April 9th, and the theme will be the Magic Tree House Books. Mr. Arango has constructed a "tree house" in the library for students.

Activities for our students will include decorating their classroom doors, and students will be encouraged to read instead of watching TV. On April 13th students may dress as their favorite character from a book, and the HBSPA is sponsoring a storyteller for students!



Nutrition Nuggets

The Henry Barnard School

Rhode Island College's
Laboratory School

Do you know that breakfast is the most important meal of a child's day? Breakfast provides the nutrients and energy needed to concentrate in school. Studies show that children who eat breakfast earn better grades, pay more attention in class, and behave better.

Healthy Breakfast

Children need a combination of protein (eggs, milk, cheese, or meat) and carbohydrates (whole-grain cereal, fruit, or whole-wheat bread). The carbohydrates boost energy while the protein keeps the body moving until lunch.

Kid-Friendly Breakfast

Two quick breakfast ideas that will bring a smile to a child's face:

Egg in a Basket – Cover a frying pan with no-fat cooking spray. Make a hole in a slice of whole-wheat bread, put the bread in the pan, and crack an egg into the hole. Cook two minutes, flip, and cook until the egg is slightly brown.

Waffle Wonder – Toast a whole-grain frozen waffle. Place sliced strawberries around the edge and fill with blueberries. Serve with a side order of low-fat flavored cottage cheese or yogurt.



SMOOTH SNACKS!!

Healthy snacks can be fun, delicious, and get children excited about eating healthfully. Put fruit, a few ice cubes, yogurt, and juice into a blender and mix until thick. With parental supervision older children can mix these themselves.

Red & White: Four strawberries, one banana, one container of low-fat vanilla yogurt, one cup orange juice.

Cool Blue: One and a half cups fresh or frozen blueberries, one container low-fat blueberry yogurt, one cup 100% grape juice.

Just Peachy: One peach (diced) or one cup frozen peaches, one container low-fat peach yogurt, ¾ cup orange juice.

Tip: Add a teaspoon of wheat bran to include fiber in these treats!

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.ric.edu/hbs

Calendar of Events

April 2007

April 5 First Grade Field Trip

April 6 Kindergarten ½ Day

April 10 HBSPA Meeting 7:00PM

April 11, 12 Third Grade Book Sale

April 13 No School for Preschool

April 16 – 20 Vacation Week

April 24 Health Wellness 8:15 AM

April 25 Book Fair

April 27 Kindergarten visit to RIC Gymnasium

April 28 Girl's Choice Dance

May 2007

May 1 May Breakfast

May 1

May 11 No School for Kindergarten and Preschool for Parent Conferences

